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SUBJECT: STUDENT GROUP TOUR: "THE STOOL-PIGEON CHIRPED"

REF: (A) STATE 17968; (B) STATE 28861

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. HERBERT BEUKES, SECOND SECRETARY, S.A. EMBASSY, CALLED CU/AF OFFICER TODAY TO INQUIRE ABOUT IDENTITY OF USYC, ITS FUNDING, FUNDING OF STUDENT TOUR, AND STATE-USYC RELATIONSHIP. HE WAS GIVEN FACTUAL ANSWERS, INCLUDING THAT USYC WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM UNDER OUR GENERAL GUIDELINES, I.E., EXPOSURE TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND OPINION.

2. ACCORDING TO ESCORT, KOTZE TALKED WITH S.A. EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON FEB. 6 AND OBVIOUSLY WAS DEBRIEFED BY THEM. ESCORT NOT PRESENT THEN, BUT MENDELOWITZ HAD MADE LITTLE ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL FROM GROUP HIS SOCIALIST ORIENTATION AND CONCEPT OF ORGANIZED LABOR AS A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHILE GREEN'S "INFLAMMATORY" REMARKS HAD NOT BEEN CONFINED

TO STATE DEBRIEFING.

3. GIVEN S.A. EMBASSY'S INTEREST (STIMULATED PERHAPS BY

REMARKS IN REFTEL A), DEFINITE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT
SAG WILL AT LEAST QUESTION GREEN, AND PERHAPS
MENDELOWITZ, AFTER RETURN.

4. SHOULD SAG TAKE RETALIATORY MEASURES, USYC HAS
INDICATED IT MAY CONSIDER MAKING STRONG PUBLIC PROTEST TO
S.A. EMBASSY, EVEN AT RISK OF JEOPARDIZING FURTHER U.S.-
S.A. YOUTH EXCHANGES UNDER USYC AUSPICES.

5. FYI: AFRIKANERS TOLD ESCORT THEY HAD BEEN ABLE
INTERACT WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS, EXCEPT GREEN. AFRIKANERS
DECLINED PARTICIPATE VISIT TO AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON
AFRICA, WHERE OTHERS WERE TOLD THEY WERE FOOLISH AND
STATE DEPT. WAS "DUPED" INTO PRESENTING SUCH A "FACADE
OF INTEGRATION" TO AMERICANS. AT OTHER EXTREME, EDWIN
MUNGER OF CIT, REPORTEDLY TOLD HURTER TO WEATHER FOREIGN
"IGNORANCE" AND STICK IT OUT, SINCE NAT POLICIES WERE
CORRECT.

6. APPRECIATE POSTS FOLLOWING UP VISIT AND REPORTING ANY
SAG MEASURES AGAINST GREEN OR MENDELOWITZ. INGERSOLL

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